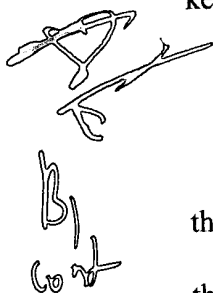


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integrally with the plurality of key tops; and

a U-shaped bridging member made of a thermoplastic elastomer, said U-shaped bridging-member integrally linking said extruding-parts and thereby integrating a plurality of key switches.



8. (NEW) A key switch, in which a plurality of key switches have key tops made of a thermoplastic resin and extruding parts made of a thermoplastic elastomer, the key tops and the extruding parts are integrally formed, and the extruding parts are integrally linked by means of a U-shaped bridging member made of a thermoplastic elastomer, which results in integration of the plurality of key switches.

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9. (NEW) The key switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein a back of the U-shaped bridging member is served as a portion to be attached to a housing or the like.

10. (NEW) The key switch as claimed in claim 8, wherein a back of the U-shaped bridging member is served as a portion to be attached to a housing or the like.

11. (New) A key switch comprising:

a plurality of key tops made of a thermoplastic resin and arranged in a key plane;

a plurality of extruded parts formed integrally with said plurality of key tops, said extruded parts being made of a thermoplastic elastomer;

a U-shaped bridging member connecting said plurality of extruded parts and said plurality of key tops, said U-shaped bridging member being made of a thermoplastic elastomer and arranged in a bridge plane substantially parallel to said key plane;

a housing, said U-shaped member being connected to said housing.

12. (New) A switch in accordance with claim 11, wherein:

a U-shape of said U-shaped bridging member is arranged in said bridge plane.

13. (New) A switch in accordance with claim 12, wherein:

a base of said U-shape is connected to said housing;

ends of legs of said U-shape are connected to said extruded parts.

14. (New) A switch in accordance with claim 11, wherein:

said U-shaped bridging member connects to two extruded parts.

15. (New) A switch in accordance with claim 11, wherein:

said extruded parts and said bridging member are integrated with said key tops by injection molding thermoplastic elastomer.

16. (New) A switch in accordance with claim 11, further comprising:

decorative layers formed on surfaces of said plurality of key tops.